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SUBJECT: TITO VISIT: ESTABLISHMENT OF US-YUGOSLAV
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS

REF: 76 BELGRADE 8574, STATE 10455, STATE 36307

1. THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO RAISE WITH APPROPRIATE
YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.-YUGOSLAV
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS IN WASHINGTON AND BEL-
GRADE WHOSE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE REGULARIZED FORUMS
FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE FRAME-
WORK OF THE WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE AS OUTLINED IN THE
TARNOFF-BRZEZINSKI MEMO OF JANUARY 16 (COPY POUCHED TO
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BELGRADE SAME DATE).

2. WITH REGARD TO TIMING OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, WE
SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY PROPOSE SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS, WITH
FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD IN BELGRADE DURING APRIL (PRECISE
TIMING TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GOY). EMBASSY
SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING FOLLOWING TOPICS

AS EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FIRST BELGRADE
AND WASHINGTON MEETINGS: DISCREPANCY IN TRADE STATISTICS
(BELGRADE OR WASHINGTON); YUGOSLAV IMPORT REGIME (BELGRADE);

GSP PROCEDURES AND PROSPECTS (WASHINGTON); YUGOSLAV LAWS
ON BANKING AND INVESTMENT (BELGRADE); CO-PRODUCTION
AGREEMENTS FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND THIRD COUNTRY PROJECTS
(BELGRADE OR WASHINGTON); SPECIFIC TRADE OPPORTUNITIES,
PERHAPS RELATED TO EMBASSY IN-COUNTRY VISITS PROGRAM
(BELGRADE OR WASHINGTON); YUGOSLAV COUNTER TRADE POLICY
(BELGRADE); AND EXPORT CONTROL QUESTIONS (WASHINGTON).
MAJOR FOCUS OF BELGRADE MEETING IN APRIL COULD BE SPECIFIC
FOLLOW-UP TO ANY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PROPOSALS STEMMING
FROM TITO VISIT. WE ARE INTERESTED IN REVIEWING ANY YUGO-
SLAV SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA TOPICS.

3. SHOULD WE REACH AGREEMENT WITH GOY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
WORKING GROUPS, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE HELD UNTIL
TITO VISIT, WITH APPROPRIATE REFERENCE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

4. PLEASE REPORT GOY RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL. VANCE

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